

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING**

September 27, 2005

8:30 AM

Fauquier County Extension Office, 24 Pelham Street, Warrenton, VA 20186

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

John Schied, Chairman
Ike Broaddus, Vice Chairman
Leslie Grayson
Don Huffman

Board Members Absent:

Roger Martella

Others Present:

Ray Pickering, Agricultural Development Officer
Scottie Heffner, PDR Program Assistant

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Schied called the meeting to order at 8:30.

2. Approval of August 18, 2005 Minutes

- a. Leslie Grayson moved to approve the August 18, 2005 Draft Minutes as dispersed. John Schied seconded and the motion carried.
- b. Ike Broaddus was recognized for writing a news article in support of the PDR Program. Mr. Broaddus' article appeared in the September 22, 2005 issue of The Fauquier Citizen.

3. Status of Applicants

- a. C. L. Ritchie (first application)
 - i. No change in status; committee members discussed how best to move forward with this application.
- b. Rebecca George
 - i. Title issues are being addressed
 - ii. Grant application was made to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund (VLCF) grant program for (up to) \$211,000.
- c. Susannah Grove
 - i. Landowners are addressing issues of retention of development rights.

4. Discuss Recommended Change in Purchase Price for Future Applicants

- a. This item should come before the Board of Supervisors October 13, 2005.

- b. Committee Members agreed that the increased amount should be applied to current applicants.

5. Discuss McConnell Donation

- a. Factors that make this an attractive donation:
 - i. Meets criteria of PDR Program except for number of acres.
 - ii. Proximity to currently eased property
 - iii. Ike Broaddus moved to request staff to develop guidelines for donated easements to the PDR Program. Don Huffman seconded and the motion carried.
 - 1. Committee members agreed that donated parcels should meet the basic criteria of the program except for number of acres (donated easements should be zoned RA or RC, be in bona fide agricultural use, and not currently in easement or pending easement).
 - iv. Leslie Grayson moved that the PDR Committee recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a donation of the McConnell property.

6. Current Application Cycle

- a. There are several pending applications; the cycle will remain open until November 30, 2005.
- b. Leslie Grayson discussed the idea that involvement of a local bank (in connection with tax credits) could help to keep assets local.

7. Announcements

- a. Ray Pickering will give presentations on the PDR Program
 - i. October 10, 2005 to the Virginia Cooperative Extension Training Session in Charlottesville.
 - ii. November 14, 2005 to the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO).

8. Next Meeting Date

- a. A regular meeting date of Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 8:30 was set. Should site visits be planned and the weather is bad that date may change. An additional tentative date of Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 8:30 was scheduled if needed.

9. Video

- a. Ray Pickering showed a promotional video he had helped develop for the Pennsylvania PDR Program.

10. Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.